**Talking about telly**

**A:**  Hey, did you read that article in the paper about watching telly?

**B:** No, what did it say?

**A:** Well, they reckon that, on average, we spend about half our free time watching TV.

**B:** Yeah, I’m not surprised. I probably do, and the kids are worse. Bloody couch potatoes - both of them. They’re addicted to that reality show rubbish.

**A:** Yeah, I know what you mean. And most of the other shows are just crap, too.

**B:** Some of the docos are alright, but most of it isn’t worth watching. I find myself channel surfing for hours, and end up with square eyes. We’re all going to need glasses soon.

**A:** Right! I’m going to turn over a new leaf. From now on I’m going to cut down on telly time and start exercising more…do some walking…maybe some laps at the pool…Hey! Maybe I should join the gym!

**B:** Woah! Take it easy. Why don’t you start with some walking, and see if you can keep it up, before you spend heaps joining a gym?

**A:** Yeah, good point. Maybe I’ll con the kids into coming with me.

**B:** Ha! Good luck with that! You’ll have to hide the remote.

**A:** Great idea. I’ll give it a go tonight.

**B:** Well, good luck with it. I’m off to catch the bus. I suppose you’re going to

run home, are you?

**A:** Yeah, maybe I will. Catch you tomorrow.

**B:** See ya.

**Dictation:** Did you know that the average Australian watches four hours of television each day? If you subtract eight hours for sleeping and another eight for work, you will find that Australians spend about half their free time in front of a TV set!

**Listening:** Talking about telly

Questions:

1. What did the article in the paper say?
2. How did person B describe her kids?
3. What does she do for hours?
4. What has person A decided to do?
5. What is A going to try tonight?

**Vocab:** discuss this vocab in pairs

reckon, reality show, doco, stuff, rubbish, cut down on, square eyes, couch potatoes, channel surfing, addicted to, con, give it a go, I’m off to, I suppose, catch you

**Grammar:** other vs another